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1. KISSINGER TRIP: AUGUST 7-9 LISBON PRESS NOTED, MOSTLY WITHOUT COMMENTARY, THE RESULTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT TRIPS TO IRAN AND PAKISTAN. WHAT COMMENTARY THERE WAS ADDRESSED THE \$10 BILLION WEAPONS SALE TO IRAN. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COLUMNIST MANUEL RODRIGUES, WRITING IN AUGUST 9 "O DIA", CONTRASTED CONGRESSIONAL RESERVATIONS TO THE SALE WITH KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS IN TEHERAN, COLUMNIST STATED THAT KISSINGER DID NOT RESPOND YO HID VTIIYVDZN BUT RATHER CHOSE TO HIGHLIGHT THE MASSIVE AMOUNT OF EXPECTED TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND IRAN OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. "THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST THINK THAT THE AMOUNT IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO QUIET ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE ARMS SALE", WROTE RODRIGUES. TENOR OF COVERAGE OF PAKISTAN LEG OF TRIP REFLECTED BY FOLLOWING HEADLINES: "KISSINGER DEFENDS PAKISTAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY"; "UNITED STATES COMMITTED TO PAKISTAN'S SECURITY". MENTION WAS ALSO MADE OF POSSIBLE U.S. AID CUTOFF TO PAKISTAN IF STEPS WERE NOT TAKEN TO INSURE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF FRENCH-FURNISHED ATMOC REACTORS.

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2. VIKING: THE REPAIR OF VIKING'S MECHANICAL ARM, THE EXCITMENT

GENERATED BY RESULTS OF CONTINUING BIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS,
AND VIKING II'S ENTRY INTO MARTIAN ORBIT WERE ALL FOCAL POINTS
OF AUGUST 7-9 ONGOING PRESS COVERAGE OF VIKING MISSION.
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